New CGHS dispensary at Ghaziabad

88. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indirapuram and other newly developed areas around Ghaziabad in Uttar Pradesh are not covered by CGHS;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to open a new CGHS dispensary for these areas where a large number of Central Government employees and pensioners have shifted;

(c) if so, by when that is likely to be done; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Due to resource constraints, it has not been possible for the CGHS to extend CGHS facilities to areas presently not covered by it. Serving employees residing in areas not covered by the CGHS can avail medical facilities under the provisions of Central Services (Medical Attendance) Rules, 1944. Pensioners residing in areas not covered by the CGHS can avail CGHS facilities by registering themselves with a CGHS dispensary nearest to their place of residence.

P.G. courses in Ayurveda

89. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether applications have been received by his Ministry from the Government of Kerala for starting of new P.G. courses in Ayurveda by Government Medical Colleges in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether competent authorities have conducted inspections;

(d) if so, whether the permission for starting the courses has since been given; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The Government of Kerala in 2007-2008 had forwarded applications for starting new PG courses in Ayurveda in the following two Government Colleges;

1. Government Ayurveda College, Tripunithura.

2. Government Ayurveda College, Kannur.

(c) The CCIM duly inspected both the colleges.

(d) and (e) The Central Government has issued a letter of Permission to the Government Ayurveda College Tripunithura for starting PG courses in (i) Dravyaguna, (ii) Rasashastra,